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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PGOV, PINT, AF  
SUBJ: REPORTED RESIGNATION OF EDUCATION MINISTER MAJID SERAJ

REF: STATE 304242

1. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED SIMILAR REPORTS TO REFTEL FROM TWO SOURCES, INCLUDING 1ST DEPUTY EDUCATION MINISTER SEDDIQ. IN DISCUSSING THIS WITH DCM AND PAO ON DECEMBER 12, SEDDIQ SAID THAT MAJID SERAJ WAS CONVALESCING FOR THREE MONTHS IN LALLALABAD AND WAS DOING NOTHING AT THE MINISTRY.

2. ALTHOUGH HIS HEART BY-PASS OPERATION IN SEPTEMBER WAS APPARENTLY A SUCCESS, MAJID-SERAJ MAY PLAUSIBLY FEEL HE IS NO LONGER PHYSICALLY CAPABLE OF UNDERTAKING HIS MINISTERIAL FUNCTIONS. THIS IS ASIDE FROM HIS ALLEGED POLITICAL SYMPATHIES WITH THE SIX MINISTERS WHO TENDERED THEIR RESIGNATIONS IN LATE NOVEMBER.

3. THERE HAS BEEN NO PRESS MENTION OF MAJID-SERAJ'S RESIGNATION REQUEST, BUT RUMORS ARE CIRCULATING IN KABUL THAT DR. ABDULLAH KAZEM, DEAN OF KABUL UNIVERSITY'S FACULTY OF ECONOMICS, WILL BE ANNOUNCED SOON AS HIS REPLACEMENT.  
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